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SUBJECT: PRESENT STATUS OF JAPANESE/ BENELUX DISCUSSIONS
ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

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1. ACCORDING TO MINECON DIRECTOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS VERHAGEN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DUTCH AND MITI TEAM NOW IN HAGUE ARE PROCEEDING SLOWLY AND WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. OBJECTIVE OF TALKS IS TO AGREE ON BASE LEVEL OF IMPORTS OF ELECTRONIC ITEMS INVOLVED FOR USE IN COMPUTING ANNUAL INCREMENT OF 5 PERCENT OVER NEXT 3 YEARS. JAPANESE WANT TO USE THEIR EXPORT STATISTICS MODIFIED TO EXCLUDE SHIPMENT THROUGH BONDED WAREHOUSES. DUTCH AND PRESUMABLY BENELUX PARTNERS WOULD PREFER BENELUX IMPORT STATISTICS WHICH
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EXLUDE NOT ONLY SHIPMENTS IN BOND BUT ALSO RE- EXPORTS OF DUTY-PAID IMPORTS. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 2 FIGURES IS SUBSTANTIAL BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF ROTTERDAM AS WHOLESALING CENTER FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OUTSIDE BENELUX.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT MINECON LANGMAN ANNOUNCED FEW DAYS AGO THAT EXCESSIVELY LARGE IMPORTS OF ELECTRONIC APPARATUS FROM JAPAN HAD CUT THE NUMBER OF JOBS AT PHILIPS' ENTERPRISES IN BELENUX BY BET AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY PRG LIMITATIONS AND
VIOLATIONS OF ICCS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION BY EMBOFF, AMB. IDRIS STATED WITH SOME HESITATION THAT GOI WAS MAKING NO REPRESENTATION IN JAKARTA REGARDING UNSATISFACTORY PRG BEHAVIOR. THROUGHOUT BRIEFING,
INDODELS EXPRESSED NO RPT NO HINT OF ANY INCLINATION TO WITHDRAW FROM ICCS.
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